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SYLLABICATION: hol·low

PRONUNCIATION: hol'ō

ADJECTIVE: Inflected forms: **hol·low·er**, **hol·low·est**

1. Having a cavity, gap, or space within: *a hollow wall*.
2. Deeply indented or concave; sunken: "*His bearded face already has a set, hollow look*" (Conor Cruise O'Brien).
3. Without substance or character: *a hollow person*. See synonyms at vain.
4. Devoid of truth or validity; specious: "*Theirs is at best a hollow form of flattery*" (Annalyn Swan).
5. Having a reverberating, sepulchral sound: *hollow footsteps*.

- NOUN: 1. A cavity, gap, or space: *a hollow behind a wall*. 2. An indented or concave surface or area. 3. A void; an emptiness: *a hollow in one's life*. 4. A small valley between mountains.

VERB: Inflected forms: **hol·lowed**, **hol·low·ing**, **hol·lows**

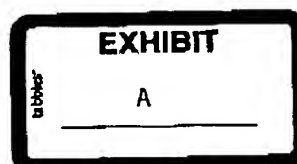
- TRANSITIVE 1. To make hollow: *hollow out a pumpkin*. 2. To scoop or form by making concave: *hollow out a nest in the sand*.

INTRANSITIVE To become hollow or empty.

VERB:

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English *holwe*, *holowe*, from *holgh*, hole, burrow (influenced by *hole*, hollow), from Old English *holh*. See *kel*¹ in Appendix I.

OTHER FORMS: **hol'low·ly** —ADVERB
hol'low·ness —NOUN


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